Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

	August 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final		August 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final	
Commodity Grouping	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	566,024	1,518,413	483,191	968,756
Ingots And Steel For Castings	3,698	7,065	21,331	27,678
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	102,642	217,701	95,647	136,353
Wire Rods	21,852	51,620	22,720	36,883
Structural Shapes Heavy	1,974	6,296	985	3,110
Plates Cut Lengths	20,333	49,690	15,903	28,870
Plates In Coils	24,436	66,852	13,879	23,988
Bars - Hot Rolled	14,192	41,798	9,494	19,123
Bars - Light Shaped	9,432	24,578	5,621	12,230
Bars - Cold Finished	37,701	109,999	36,342	81,870
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	72,881	304,442	54,872	192,882
Wire Drawn	24,820	91,682	20,604	63,272
Sheets Hot Rolled	5,931	12,230	4,157	6,180
Sheets Cold Rolled	201,236	451,549	155,833	259,884
Strip - Hot Rolled	1,176	2,876	239	580
Strip - Cold Rolled	23,721	80,035	25,564	75,853

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/ foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.